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SUMMARY: AT&T REPS HAVE SUBMITTED TO GOI A DETAILED PRO-
POSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN IRAN. GOI EVIDENTLY WELCOMES
AT&T INTEREST, BUT A FINAL DECISION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL
MUST AWAIT THE SHAH'S RETURN FROM HIS FAR EASTERN TRIP. END
SUMMARY.

1. MESSRS. ROBERT BRIGHT, GENERAL MANAGER, GOVERNMENT PRO-
JECTS, WESTERN ELECTRIC, AND HENRY M. RICKMAN, AT&T LONG
LINES, NEW YORK, NY, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 19 TO
REPORT ON THE STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI ON AT&T'S PRO-
POSAL TO UNDERTAKE A MASTER PLAN FOR AN INTEGRATED IRANIAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

2. THE AT&T REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THEY HAD HAD USEFUL
TALKS WITH THE GOI MINISTER OF PTT, MR. K. MONTAMEDI, AND HAD
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LEFT WITH HIM A DETAILED AT&T PROPOSAL TO REVAMP AND INTE-

GRATE COMMUNICATIONS IN IRAN. PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A STUDY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GOI WHICH WOULD CONTAIN AN ARCHITECTURAL PLAN, AN EVOLUTION PLAN, AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN, A SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION PLAN, AND A SUPPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS. MR. BRIGHT ESTIMATED THAT AT&T'S EFFORT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE BETWEEN 20 AND 36 MONTHS AND INVOLVE SOME 50 MAN YEARS IN DEVELOPING THE ARCHITECTURAL PLAN ALONE. IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. MONTAMEDI, THE LATTER MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE GOI FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY WOULD BE HIS MINISTRY AND ANY NEEDED COORDINATION WITH THE IRANIAN MILITARY, HE SAID, COULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE PTT MINISTRY. MR. BRIGHT SAID HE WOULD, OF COURSE, FOLLOW THE MINISTER'S LEAD IN THIS RESPECT AND WORK EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH PTT. MEANWHILE, MINISTER MONTAMEDI INFORMED THE AT&T REPRESENTATIVES THAT HE WOULD SPEAK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WITHIN A DAY OR TWO, BUT THAT A FINAL DECISION FROM THE GOI COULD NOT BE REACHED UNTIL THE SHAH RETURNS FROM HIS FAR EASTERN TRIP. MR. BRIGHT HAD IMPRESSION THAT MONTAMEDI WARMLY WELCOMED AT&T INTEREST.

3. MR. BRIGHT SAID THAT AT&T'S PROPOSAL CONTAINS A DISCUSSION OF METHODS AND FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRAIN IRANIANS TO MAN THE COMPREHENSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. PROPOSAL ALSO INCLUDES EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE THE INTRODUCTION OF WESTERN ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE INTO IRAN. MR. BRIGHT SAID THAT AT&T WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN THE INITIAL STAGES IN ADVISING THE GOI ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLY PLANT BASED ON IMPORTED COMPONENTS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED BRIEFLY RECENT EFFORTS BY THE U.S. TO ASSIST IRAN IN MOVING AHEAD ON A COMPREHENSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY DELIGHTED THAT AT&T HAD DECIDED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THE GOI IN THIS REGARD. HE NOTED THAT THE EMBASSY STANDS READY TO DO WHATEVER IT APPROPRIATELY CAN TO ASSIST AT&T IN ITS ENDEAVORS IN IRAN.

5. MR. BRIGHT INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES SOON AFTER HIS RETURN.

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